

**South Dakota Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2012
Via Conference Call**

Opening:

The regular meeting of the of the South Dakota Board of Education was called to order at 10:01 on March 19, 2012 in MacKay Building Board Room, Pierre, South Dakota by Chairman Don Kirkegaard.

Board Members Present via phone: Don Kirkegaard, Richard Gowen, Glenna Fouberg, Terry Sabers, Stacy Phelps, Kelly Duncan (joined the call at 10:09), Marilyn Hoyt, Pat Simmons and Julie Mathiesen.

1. Approval of Agenda

Glenna Fouberg made a motion and Marilyn Hoyt seconded to approve the agenda and the motion was unanimously passed.

2. Approval of Minutes

Pat Simmons asked that her name be added to the list of attendees for the January meeting. A motion by Terry Sabers and seconded by Stacy Phelps to approve the January 27, 2012 minutes with requested change. The corrected minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Technical Institute's 2011 Placement Report

Mark Wilson, DOE, reported to the board that graduates of South Dakota's technical programs continue to find success in the workforce. Graduates reported a cumulative employment rate of 96 percent only six months after completion of their studies, and 85 percent said they were employed in a training-related field. In the areas of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Health Science; and Marketing Sales and Service, 90 percent or more reported being employed in a training-related career.

4. Technical Institute's Bonding Update

Mark Wilson, DOE shared a Technical Institute's Bonding Update with the board. Wilson recommended approval of the bonding certificate that will allow the technical institutes to continue with building updates and campus construction, with established and pre-approved facility fees, in accordance with the Statewide Facility Plan. Dick Gowen made a motion and Kelly Duncan seconded to approve the certificate of compliance for facility bonding at the technical institutes. There was unanimous approval by the board.

5. Technical Institute's Tuition / Fees and FY2013 Budget

Mark Wilson, DOE, presented the board with a proposal for a slight fee increase to keep pace with the rising costs of providing a high-quality, highly-technical education. There will be no change in the state maintenance and repair fee or the technology fee of \$3 and \$1 respectively. Tuition will increase to \$99 per credit hour, up from \$95 last year, and

the facility fee will increase to \$22, up \$3 from last year. The program development fee of \$1 was also reinstated. That will bring the base total cost per credit hour to \$126, up \$8 from last year. Kelly Duncan made a motion and Dick Gowen seconded to approve the proposed tuition increase. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Technical Institute's Programs-New, Expanded and Name Changes

Program Name Changes proposed below:

STI-CAD Engineering Technology to Mechanical Engineering Technology

STI Architectural/ Construction Engineering Technology to Architectural Engineering Technology

Kelly Duncan made a motion and Pat Simmons seconded to approve the minor program changes presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Secretary of Education update / Date and Location for Next Meeting

Melody Schopp, DOE gave updates on the following items.

Legislature 2012, Waiver that has been submitted to US DOE, Rule changes necessary, training details, leadership opportunities, Bush Foundation details, Charlotte Danielson framework for teacher evaluation. There is a lot of work to be done in a very short amount of time.

The next general meeting will be at Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, South Dakota on Monday, May 21, 2012.

Adjournment:

Pat Simmons made a motion and Julie Mathiesen seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The next general meeting will be at Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, South Dakota on Monday, May 21, 2012.

Minutes submitted by:

Betty J. Leidholt

Approved by:

Dr. Melody Schopp